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SUBJECT: JAMAICA - ADDITIONAL NARCOTICS ASSISTANCE

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1. AMBASSADOR CALLED ON MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE ELI MATALON ON FEBRUARY 13 TO INFORM HIM OF DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO MINI-BUCCANEER AS OUTLINED REFTEL. WHILE INDICATING SOME REGRET THAT U.S. INPUT THIS TIME COULD NOT INCLUDE AIRCRAFT, MATALON EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR U.S. SUPPORT AND DETERMINATION TO MAKE MINI-BUCCANEER A SUCCESS.

2. SOME OF THE SPECIFICS OF THE MINI-BUCCANEER PACKAGE WERE DISCUSSED WITH MATALON, ESPECIALLY AVIONICS REQUESTED AND SOME OF THE ITEMS FOR THE MONEAGUE BASE. MATALON, WHO WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME OF THE JANUARY 27 MEETING, SEEMED NONE TOO HAPPY WITH THE WAY THE MATTER HAD BEEN HANDLED BY HIS SUBORDINATES, AND AGREED WITH ME THAT OUR INPUT SHOULD FOCUS ON JOBS WE WERE UNIQUELY QUALIFIED TO DO, SUCH AS KEEPING THE HELICOPTER FLYING, RATHER THAN GO INTO INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CAN JUST AS WELL BE SUPPLIED

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BY THE JAMAICANS. (DEPARTMENT MAY NOT BE AWARE THAT WE

CUT APPROXIMATELY 35,000 JAMAICAN DOLLARS OUT OF THE
ORIGINAL JAMAICAN REQUEST BEFORE FORWARDING IT. ITEMS
CUT INCLUDED A COMPLETE TELEPHONE SYSTEM AND A FAIRLY
SOPHISTICATED SEWAGE PLANT FOR MONEAGUE.) WHILE WE ARE
CONCERNED ABOUT SOME OF THE SPECIFIC ITEMS IN THE PACKAGE
AND HAVE DOUBTS THAT THE JAMAICANS WILL BE READY TO GO BY
MARCH 1, THE TOTAL COST APPEARS MODEST IF MINI-BUCCANEER
IS SUCCESSFUL IN MAINTAINING THE INITIATIVE OF ITS SIRE
AND KEEPING THE MARIJUANA GROWERS AND TRAFFICKERS OFF BALANCE
FOR ANOTHER SEASON. HENCE MINI-BUCCANEER HAS MISSION'S
APPROVAL AND SUPPORT. PLEASE SEND CABLE REGARDING FUNDING
PROCEDURE ASAP.
GERARD

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